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In the Drawings:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of Figure 3 with proposed changes pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d). Figure 3 has been amended to correct errors. The figure revisions have been made in red and applicant requests the Examiner's approval of the proposed changes. Upon approval by the examiner a new formal drawing will be submitted with the new changes.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT application No. PCT/US97/20445 filed November 12, 1997, which has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,285,167, and which claims the benefit to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ 030,854, filed November 12, 1996.--

In the Claims:

Please withdraw from consideration, without prejudice, claims 8, 9, 20, 21, 32, 35, 37, 39, 41.

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 7. (Twice Amended) A valve regulated lead acid electric cell comprising: a sealed housing;
- a positive electrode positioned in the housing;
- a negative electrode positioned in the housing in spaced relationship from the positive electrode;
- an electrolyte in said housing in contact with said positive and negative electrodes;
 - a gas space within said housing;